



Increased Unemployment Compensation Benefits (\$300 Weekly Stimulus Payment) Frequently Asked Questions

Note: Information is updated frequently and is also subject to change. Please check back for updates based on further guidance and clarification received from the US Department of Labor.

On Dec. 27, 2020, the Continued Assistance Act of 2020 was signed into law. This emergency benefit provides most individuals an emergency increase in unemployment insurance benefits of \$300 per week from the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, through March 13, 2021.

Do I need to apply for the additional \$300?

No, there is not a separate application for the \$300 stimulus. Eligibility for the \$300 benefit will be automatically considered with your application for the unemployment benefit.

If I am currently receiving unemployment benefits do I need to apply again for the additional \$300?

No, there is no additional action you need to take beyond filing your weekly claims as long as you remain eligible for unemployment. Eligibility for the \$300 weekly benefit will automatically be considered during the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, through March 13, 2021.

Will the additional \$300 come a different way than my regular unemployment benefit?

No, you will receive the benefit in the same way you receive your unemployment benefit.

When will I start to see the additional \$300 on my unemployment?

The first payment will be made the week of Jan. 3, 2021, for those who were determined eligible for an unemployment benefit for the week of Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, through Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021. Remember, unemployment benefits are paid one week behind; no one is eligible for the \$300 stimulus payments prior to the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, with payments for the first eligible week beginning Jan. 3, 2021.

Will I get an additional \$300 for weeks in the past?

No, the Continued Assistance Act did not approve retroactive weeks of payments. The \$300 stimulus payment is available to eligible claimants during the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, through March 13, 2021.

Will any additional income I received through these benefits impact my eligibility for unemployment benefits?

No, funds you receive as a result of this stimulus package will not impact your income eligibility as it is not considered earned income.

What if I started a new job and quit my new job because of the new availability of unemployment benefits with the \$300 stimulus?

Quitting your job will most likely make you ineligible for unemployment benefits as well as ineligible for the \$300 stimulus. Unemployment benefits are only available to individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own.